

## Church News.

### OUR CHICAGO LETTER.

I desire to write a few lines as per promise calling attention again to the great work in progress. I have no doubt of God's promise to save nor of his power to guide others in to the work of saving, and that he is in our special work here is beyond a doubt. Large and growing congregations, an intense interest, fourteen confessions, and most spiritual meetings are all evidences in the right direction. God is blessing us, and our outlook is most inviting. The churches are making special efforts to make an advance along the lines of sin, and we are keeping step to the Lord's music. I desire to write from three points this time.

#### THE PHYSICAL SIDE.

So many forget that a work of this kind has a physical side, yet such is a stern reality; rent is to pay and it is not light. Coal is to buy, and keeping fire every night with coal, six dollars and a half, is no fun when the boys come in and say, "Brother McFaden the coal is all gone," and I know some other things are gone besides coal, light is to pay for, and people who hand out tracts and visit the sick, and respond to calls for help, and look up work, etc., etc., have good appetites, and wear out shoes and clothes. Do you catch the point, beloved? It is not hard to see, not hard for me to see and feel sometimes most keenly, and yet this is one point so often overlooked. Christ did not overlook it. He fed the multitude, and the multitude ought to take care of Christ's servants. I only have one desire in the world and that is to do my Master's work and while that is being done it is not unreasonable to ask for simply board and lodging, that we can pare if you who have not helped will do so. If only a little it will help. I not only ask for Chicago but for Washington. Let us push this work along, and make it a great and glorious success. If you will attend to the matter now you can get the wherewith in by the first of the month. Take a hint, see!

#### INTELLECTUAL.

There is an intellectual side to this subject not fully appreciated. We are not only for Chicago but for the Church at large. We have three young men who take turns in holding meetings, preaching when called on. There are several others that have preaching material in them, and if Ashland College gets to going, Chicago may help with some good minds. These young men are getting training that they would not get in some other fields, training that will be most valuable to them in

years to come. I am pleased with the efforts they put forth. On another occasion I will speak of our tract distribution and some of the results. If you only knew the value of this line of work you would make more use of printer's ink. We use it here and find it invaluable. Had we the means we would soon make the devil tremble. Understand then that while we plead with you men and women for help, it is to develop minds. God has in his providence brought us in touch with, and thus fit and prepare them for the fields that are white unto the harvest. The work in Chicago is as good as a monument as I would want, for it has on it the finger prints of the Almighty.

#### THE SPIRITUAL SIDE.

Back of body and mind is the spirit side of man, that part we are not neglecting. Some of the most spiritual meetings I ever attended have been here in Chicago. Our prayer meeting Thursday was a flow of God's power. Confessions and resolutions were made that touched the hearts of all. Our Sunday evening service was good. A full house greeted us, and God was in our midst. I noticed in the audience a large well built and well dressed man. He rose in the King's Children session and stated that when on a vessel coming around Cape Horn he fell from the mast and broke a bone. On reaching San Francisco, a good Christian woman led him to Jesus, and now he was enjoying a Christian life. The Brother is engaged in business on the West Side and from him I received the following letter dated Jan. 11, 1897.

"Dear Brother McFaden, Sir:—I was wonderfully blessed in your church last night. I don't know that God has touched my heart as he did last night since I made a complete surrender to him. I am satisfied that your people have God and that is all we want. I am open, brother, for conviction. I want *all* that God has for his children and I expect to get it, and the only way I know of is by studying his word and talking constantly with him, and it is a great privilege for me to talk with God. I would be pleased to have you stop in my place any time you pass this way. Respt. —"

That is a good letter. I have several more from others on the same order. From one I quote the following: "It is my intention to join the Brethren Church and take my family with me." They will be welcome and I am sure will enjoy serving our King.

#### KINDNESS SHOWN US.

This letter is growing lengthy and I will bring it to a close by thanking the American Tract Society for a nice present of a

Scripture Roll of Daily Readings. It hangs in the mission room and its beautiful pictures and Scripture passages will plant seed for good. The American Tract Society is an institution for good. They carry a fine stock of Sunday-school cards, Bibles, books, etc. The Chicago managers are genial gentlemen, and will accommodate you if possible. I know this from my own experience, and have them to thank for special favors. I recommend them to your kind remembrance. With prayers for your success I am truly,

JOHN DUKE MCFADEN.

235 S. Campbell Ave.

#### WANTED.

A minister to locate here. I have a store-room and dwelling-room attached that I will rent reasonably to a minister who will come here and start a business of some kind, hardware or a general store. Good place and a splendid country around. Also to preach here and at another point. Write me.

H. C. SNYDER.

Pittsburg, Ohio.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Please announce through the EVANGELIST that at our State Conference at Milford, Ind., in 1895, a Finance Committee was chosen to care for the College funds of this state. I was chosen secretary of this committee and all churches were to report to me as soon as they had their apportionment raised. I have not heard from any yet; would be glad to hear at once from all churches that have their money ready then we can report to the National Committee. Respectfully,

DANIEL STEVENS.

Sidney, Ind.

Let every congregation in Indiana notify brother Daniel Stevens, of Sidney, Ind., as to what you will do for Ashland University. If you have already sent in your money, notify him of this fact. *Now, do this at once. Do not wait another day.* I think it would be well for the canvassers to report to him, at once, also. It will help him very much. Let Indiana do her whole duty.

Jan. 16, '97.

G. W. RENCH.

#### FROM WARSAW.

Brother Arthur Wirick has just closed a successful meeting at a new point four miles west of Warsaw, resulting in eighteen conversions. Six of these were baptized this week, and others will be later. There are good prospects of building up a class here. For the present the converts will hold their membership with our War-